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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/058,350; Filed: April 10, 1998  
For: **RNA Isolation Reagent and Methods**  
Inventor: Domenica A. Simms  
Our Ref: 0942.3840001/RWE/KKV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a)(1); and
4. Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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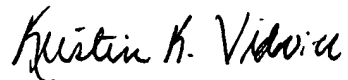
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Respectfully submitted,

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 See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

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| Application Number     | 09/058,350           |
| Filing Date            | April 10, 1998       |
| First Named Inventor   | Domenica A. SIMMS    |
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| 107               | 480             | 207            | 240             | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108               | 690             | 208            | 334             | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114               | 150             | 214            | 75              | Provisional filing fee |          |
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| Indep. Claims _____ - 3** = _____ X _____ = _____ |                |          |
| Multiple Dependent _____ = _____                  |                |          |

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 103            | 18              | 203            | 9               | Claims in excess of 20                                    |
| 102            | 78              | 202            | 39              | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |
| 104            | 260             | 204            | 130             | Multiple dependent claim                                  |
| 108            | 78              | 209            | 39              | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110            | 18              | 210            | 9               | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 105                               | 130             | 205            | 65              | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 127                               | 50              | 227            | 25              | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139                               | 130             | 139            | 130             | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147                               | 2,520           | 147            | 2,520           | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 112                               | 920*            | 112            | 920*            | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113                               | 1,840*          | 113            | 1,840*          | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115                               | 110             | 215            | 55              | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116                               | 380             | 216            | 190             | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117                               | 870             | 217            | 435             | Extension for reply within third month                                     | 870.00   |
| 118                               | 1,360           | 218            | 680             | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128                               | 1,850           | 228            | 925             | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119                               | 300             | 219            | 150             | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120                               | 300             | 220            | 150             | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121                               | 260             | 221            | 130             | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138                               | 1,510           | 138            | 1,510           | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140                               | 110             | 240            | 55              | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141                               | 1,210           | 241            | 605             | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142                               | 1,210           | 242            | 605             | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143                               | 430             | 243            | 215             | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144                               | 580             | 244            | 290             | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 122                               | 130             | 122            | 130             | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 123                               | 50              | 123            | 50              | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |          |
| 126                               | 240             | 126            | 240             | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581                               | 40              | 581            | 40              | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146                               | 760             | 246            | 380             | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 149                               | 760             | 249            | 380             | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
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